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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR HERE

CAMP DENISON'S BUSINESS MANAGER VISITS US RECENTLY

Mr. Willard Baer of Philadelphia, who is to be the new Business Manager at the Denison, Iowa C.P.S. Camp, left this camp Wed. evening, Sept. 17, after a three day stay with us, during which time he was getting such general and detail information as he felt might be useful to him in his new work at Camp Denison.

Mr. Baer is 26 years old and expects to be called to camp at any time. He is a member of the Souderton Mennonite Church and has been a salesman in Philadelphia for the Owen-Illinois Glass Corporation for a number of years.

He is offering his services before he is called to take the place of Vernon Schmidt who is leaving the Iowa Camp soon to take up work on a hospital building project in South America, sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee.

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HOSPITALIZATION AID FOR CAMPERS DISCUSSED

Under the direction of Rev. Hartzler, a lively camp meeting, similar to the old time Town Hall meetings, was held and the boys decided to have a box placed in the rear of the chapel for the convenience of visitors and campers to make their financial contributions, large or small as they may desire. This was the method chosen by the boys in preference to the idea of a regular weekly offering to be taken during the Sunday services.

It was also decided that mimeographed copies should be made for each campee, covering the information in medical care of the boys in camp. This will include a detailed statement (cont. on page 3)

Professor Guy Hershberger, author and educator, arrived from Goshen, Sept. 14, to begin his work here as Assistant and Educational Director of Camp # 13.

In an interview tonight, Prof. Hershberger stated that while there is yet no definite program outline, plans are under way for a combination program of study, work, and lecture which should prove interesting, informing and practical in the fields of Religion, Crafts, and Arts.

WRITINGS PUBLISHED

From a series of thirty-five articles which he wrote for the Youth's Christian Companion, Professor Hershberger recently compiled and published a book entitled, "CAN CHRISTIANS FIGHT?"

For his Dr.'s Dissertation in 1935, Mr. Hershberger wrote on the Quakers Experience in Politics from 1682-1786. Several years later he received a grant, by the Sociological Research Council, to continue his study in this field and spent an entire summer in Philadelphia in research work. His plans are to expand on the subject of his thesis and his more recent studies and later publish his findings in book form.

Besides gathering material on the History of Mennonites during the last World War, Dr. Hershberger is also at present preparing a Peace Study Book which is to serve as a text for classroom use.

CONTINUE PART-TIME WORK AT GOSHEN

In connection with his duties in this camp Dr. Hershberger will return to the College for two days each week to teach Sociology and related subjects.

Mrs. Hershberger will assume the duties of Camp Matron. Paul, their six-year old son, will attend grade school in Vera Cruz.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Pandora, Ohio
September 14, 1941

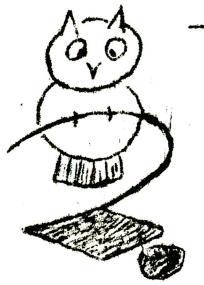
Cheer up! Cheer up, boys! Why? A remark made by Mr. F. Musser, our new pastor, this even seems hardly fair not to pass on to you who have earned it and who will arouse similiar comments in the future.

He stated that, at the recent General Conference, the delegation slowly, humbly, but surely began to realize the recognition the peace-minded Mennonites are earning today in their renewed stand for peace. The public press, speech, and the nation as a whole is beginning to look with favorable appreciation upon the peace-minded Mennonite making his peace stand positive by giving his time in the C.P.S. Camp. The world is beginning to see that we are not only talking about doing positive, constructive work, but that we are doing it. I mean---you are!

Your Peace flag is gathering its stars. You are really beginning to get a small amount of the recog--well, we'll let you finish the moral.

Very truly yours,
A Friend

"Many a blunt word has a sharp edge."



WHO'S WHO

Lowell

Which member of our camp comes from a good farming section of one of our north central states where he was proprietor of a small business. His ancestors on his father's side were English and one of them came over on the Mayflower. He has run a dray, worked in a house-trailer factory, in a sugar factory, and once worked for a hardware in Alabama where he also owned a farm on which he grubbed out 40 acres of pine stumps. His hobbies are reading and collecting poetry and quotations for a scrapbook. He has no outstanding ambition except that he would like to get into business again for himself someday.

(Last issue's answer: Elmer Gingerich)

John Plank, one of our fellow draftees, who entered into wedded bliss, Sunday, September seven, which, incidentally was his twenty second birthday, or maybe not so incidentally either, says that married life is grand, it's really great to be married.

Of course, John has been married only two weeks and left his wife after only one half week of wedded bliss. So maybe our Johnny doesn't know all about the state of matrimony just yet. However, we must hasten to explain that our fellow draftee did not leave his betrothed of his own accord, but very reluctantly at the close of a four day leave from his labors for Uncle Sam.

Dennis Lehman went with Plank to see that everything worked out according to carefully laid plans and to witness the fact that the marriage took place. But Dennis tells us the bride didn't get the best man cause he was best man at the wedding and came back single, that is, we think he is still single.

The cricket criks an earthy tune,
The stars reflect strains heavenly;
But under the soft and stirring moon
Their efforts blend harmoniously.

---I.L.B.

Our Circulation Manager reports the following concerning the Peace-Sentinel:

255 Paid Subscriptions
23 Complimentary Subscriptions
16 Short - term Subscriptions
200(?) Camp sales

Approximately 500 copies are mimeographed bi-weekly.

SPEED'S KITCHEN MIRROR

Last Sunday we had a good many visitors with about 33 dinner guests. They all seem to agree that the meals are well worth the 25¢ charged for them. Since there are usually some boys on week-end leaves we can care for our guests. For visitors who bring lunches with them there are tables provided in the State Forest.

Dave Anderson, one of our head cooks, wrote a letter to his girl friend and was ready to mail it when he found that he had unconsciously addressed it to his folks. If I remember correctly he changed the address.

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QUARTETTE GIVES PROGRAM

On September the 7th the camp quartette with Phil Frey and Carl Lehman gave a program at the Anderson Mennonite Church north of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The church was filled to capacity with a great deal of interest shown.

Last Sunday evening the same group, with Edwin Rutt pinch-hitting for Judson Hill, gave a program at the Mennonite Church in Middlebury, Indiana. This program was also well received with people filling the aisles and the hall at the rear of the church.

Next Sunday evening the camp chorus will give a concert at the Clinton Brick church near Goshen, Indiana. On September 28th the quartette travels to the Olive Church at Topeka, Indiana and on the 5th of October to the Defenseless Mennonite church west of Berne. They will be at both First Mennonite Church at Bluffton, Ohio and College Church on October 12.

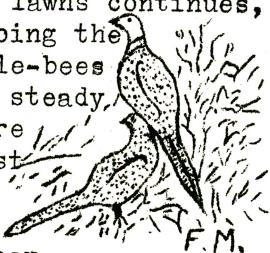
FISH AND GAME PROJECT

The Wild Life Department has entered its harvest season, and we welcome the change it has brought to our work. Pheasants and quail are the fruits, and the reaping process consists in large scale bird drives in which twenty or more of us may be involved at one time.

These birds are distributed throughout the state as a part of a well-ordered plan to allow sportsmen a reasonable amount of good hunting without depleting the numbers of these natural friends of agriculture. Our local hatching and brooding facilities rank with the four largest in the world in the world in quantity of birds produced.

Eighteen of our gang are now engaged in dirt moving, using dump trucks and shovels to transfer rich river bottom soil to the brooder yards. A top dressing of over a foot will make it possible to raise succulent green foliage for next years brood of birds.

The creation of new lawns continues, with the same sicklers doing the work. With no more bumble-bees to break the monotony of steady arm motion, these boys are looking forward to a frost to bring them a new job. Cool mornings are showing the time is nearly here.



RECREATION

Ping Pong Pops

Elmer Bontreger came out on top in the ping pong tournament held two weeks ago. However not all of our good players competed; Ernie Christner seems to be the man to beat.

There has been much increased interest for the game among the Amish boys. In the future we will probably have many good players.

Soft Ball

The softball season has come to a close. Teams B and C are the two better teams. We will look forward to a good season next year.

Rugby and Hockey

It has been suggested that rugby and hockey teams be organized. Hockey is a winter sport and should be taken up later.

If we can secure a football we can organize a number of rugby teams and form a league. Rugby is played by two five man teams. The ball is centered to one man, he passes to another of his players. The game is essentially a passing game; the ball carrier can run only if he touches the ball to another player. The carrier is tagged, not tackled. The game is simple and can easily be explained. If the game is accepted the teams will be listed in the next issue.

HOSPITALIZATION DISCUSSED

(cont. from page one)

statement of the Mennonite Central Committee as to just what they can do and what they cannot do for the boys in cases of sickness, accidents, operations and hospitalization during their stay in camp. It is hoped that this will clarify things so that no troubles will need arise due to misunderstanding on these matters when occasions for medical care arise from time to time.

It's not what you'd do with a million,
If riches should e'er be your lot;
But what are you doing at present
With the dollar and fifty you've got?

OUR CONTRIBUTION

by R.L. Hartzler

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Two significant conferences
in relation to conscientious ob-
jection to war this month. A num-
ber of interesting and important as-
pects of the whole matter came to
light through these periods of
thought and discussion. One of
these was the diversity of thought
emphasis, and proposed method in
relation to the position which
C.O.'s should hold; and the way
they should go about to make their
contribution to the present na-
tional and world situation. Some
emphasize rigid resistance, others
reasonable degrees of cooperation;
some incline to strong social out-
look and others to fervent relig-
ious devotion.

By comparison it would seem
that our Mennonite objectors and
service camps tend to be found in
the latter group. Due to our her-
itage and traditional background,
ours seems to be the particular
function of contributing to the
entire C.O. pattern, the element
of strong emphasis on religious
conviction as the basis of con-

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EDITORIALS

A great deal has been made of the influence
the press has on the American people. It has often
been inferred that it is nearly dictatorial in power
and should be curbed lest it become too great a fac-
tor in molding public opinion. The contention is
that public opinion should not be molded to the ad-
vantage of those who control the press.

While we have no intentions of discussing the
merits or demerits of this contention, it is inter-
esting to note what has recently happened to the
relationship between the people and the press. It
is no secret that most newspapers have been favor-
ing either direct or indirect American involvement
in the European conflict. They have been boldly
assuming that they represented the attitude of the
majority and their assumption seemed to be upheld
by public opinion polls. Yet something interest-
ing has happened. Within the past few weeks the
newspapers discovered that the public attitude is
not what they thought it was--it has not been fol-
lowing their own attitude. The newspapers are now

bewailing the lack of public mor-
ale--the failure of the people
to realize the "grave" danger
they are facing. The press seems
quite embarrassed at its posit-
ion so far out on a limb and is
now trying to bolster up public
opinion to its rescue.

We are glad that the Amer-
ican people have no taste for
bloody war. They have not yet
forgotten the terrible toll of
its useless slaughter. We hope
that they will continue to raise
their voices in protest against
it and refuse to commit again
that great sin against God and
man. The forces for war are mak-
ing their voices heard. Those
of us at camp must make our lives
help silence those voices.

---CML



IN AND OUT OF DORMITORIES

Winter is on its way. Evenings are now being spent by the fellows of Dorm B around the radio or in groups discussing world affairs.

Lowell Hershberger's alarm clock with its loud intermittent alarm figured in quite a few pranks in dorm C while he was gone. One night after a couple other alarms had gone off at irregular hours Big Ben took off at two o'clock and rang intermittently for eight minutes.

The boys in Dorm D are glad to receive Willard Kniess in their midst again after an emergency furlough of three weeks.

Shorty Raber spends many of his evenings in dorm F reminding them how to better their conduct.

Dorm F sends a friendly greeting to all readers, wishing them God's blessing. The boys are thankful for the help given them and especially appreciate the delicious chicken and pumpkin pie from Mr. and Mrs. Enos Miller and Henry Mast last Sunday.

Raymond Gerber has been gaining weight quite readily, at least he is having trouble with his belt--it just doesn't seem to be long enough.

Speed Lehman: Do those shoes of yours feel very good, Eli?

Eli Miller: I don't know they never complained that they weren't feeling good.

Dan Miller has a new way to keep in bed while sleeping. He ties his toe to the bed so he'll wake up when he falls out of bed. Try it some time, it works.

Dorm H had more visitors than usual this past week-end. Things have really been popping since our star dorm H reporter is on furlough.

Dave Kauffman treated his dorm (C) to a bushel delicious red apples when he returned from furlough.

Rev. Ashton B. Jones, while visiting camp a few days, enjoyed his stay in dorm A. He aroused considerable interest in the game of chess among the boys of dorm B. Archie Mishler and he had a "hot" game if a game of chess can ever be called hot.

When Jake Kooi in dorm D went home on his Labor day week-end leave he told all the boys he was going to get married. We are still waiting for the treats, Jake.

Emanuel Shrock, formerly of dorm F, has moved over into dorm E. He seems to miss his old neighbors and friends.

The boys in dorm G are puzzled at the interest Noah Eicher is showing in the letters he gets from Michigan.

Since Delmar Stahly got back from the F.O.R. conference he has just been drooling with emotional enthusiasm about what he saw and heard.

Lowell Hershberger from dorm C got a ride with the director of the Lagro camp while hitch hiking back to camp from furlough.

Cliff Hibner's big smile and thumb take him home to northern Michigan in one afternoon.

A number of the boys from Dorm D and some of the other dorms got together the other evening to play their musical instruments beneath the beautiful moonlight. Of particular interest is Max Swartzell with his accordian seranading the moon.

Albert Hershberger, who had sprained his ankle, is feeling fine and is on the job again after being laid up for one week.

Constance Delagrange has been talking quite freely about a certain young lady from Nappanee, Ind.

The cold weather last week was apparent in dorm C. Eli Miller threatened to open the windows when he learned that Ed Hochstettler was sleeping with his socks on and in the morning Reuben Esch started the fire and for the first time in dorm life went back to bed again.

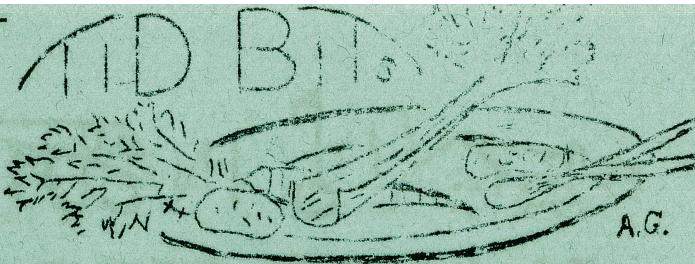
Alvin Yoder, better known as L'il Abner, finds that his light cord may do things other than merely turning on his light. The other night a cup of water had "accidently" gotten fastened to one end. When "Abner" pulled the cord he got a clearer understanding of the saying "It never rains but what it pours".

Two of us (Delmar Stahly and Ivan Bean, the latter wrote this report) have just returned from the conference held at Lakeside, Ohio. We feel that it was a rare privilege to have been there with six hundred of those people who so live up to their name--The Fellowship of Reconciliation. We enjoyed four days of that "Fellowship" while talking, living, and thinking with them. Addresses were given by Norman Thomas, E. Stanley Jones, Douglas Steer, and A.M. Muste.

Our Faith (from F.O.R. Conference Message) "But such is our faith in God's power to save if we open the way in us for His Spirit, so desperate is the crisis of our age, cease to speak, work and pray for an immediate and true peace so long as one ray of hope remains. If this way is rejected, in every truth an "unlimited emergency" will confront all our people, including us of the F.O.R. who reject in all circumstances the way of violence and war. We shall in that case seek to discipline ourselves, as all will be called upon to do, to endure privation--and if need be persecution. Daily, in humility and love, we shall try to minister to human need, to show forth toward all men and in all relationships the power of that life which "taketh away the occasion of all war." Throughout our land, and all the lands, we shall be welded together in those "Little fellowships of the holy imagination which keep alive in men sensitivity to moral issues" and to human need, and faith in the Eternal. It has been repeatedly demonstrated in historic crisis that no tyranny or terror can destroy such fellowships and that out of their fidelity and travail a new world presently comes forth."

A Sunday School class from the First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, Ohio paid for a year's subscription to the National Geographic Magazine for our camp library.

The Berea Mennonite Church favored the camp with a very spirit-filled program of music and testimony Sunday evening, September 14. Noel Sprunger, President of the C.E., was in charge and Gerald Stucky, student from the New York Biblical Seminary, brought the message.



A.G.

by Myrtle Kolb

Whenevor the food angle of a camp or any other institution is under consideration people immediately think of the cooks as the ones who have the entire responsibility for its success or failure. As far as the food itself is concerned that is true, but food in a kettle or pan is still quite far away from most of us who get no nearer the cooking than the dining-room. So we have another group of workers to serve as a connecting link between kitchen and dining-room and this week we want to present---the WAITERS!

Nine men make up the force. David Jones (Duff to most everyone) is head-waiter and looks after all the details of the work as well as directing traffic in the dining-room. Paul Kinzer is responsible for the "between meal" appearance of the dining-room, and Dennis Lehman, Hartley Rhine, Ray Thomas, Mel Yoder, Bert Cash, Elmer Bontreger, and Shorty Hershberger finish out the force.

Their work is not like that of the foresters and game men--a matter of five sunny days--but, like the cooks, theirs is a seven day job because whether it rain or whether the sun is shining the fellows still expect to eat. So, starting at five o'clock in the morning, the waiters set tables, carry food, clear tables, and wash dishes. They sweep and mop the dining hall and keep the windows clean. And they stay after dishes are finished and help to make apple-dumplings!

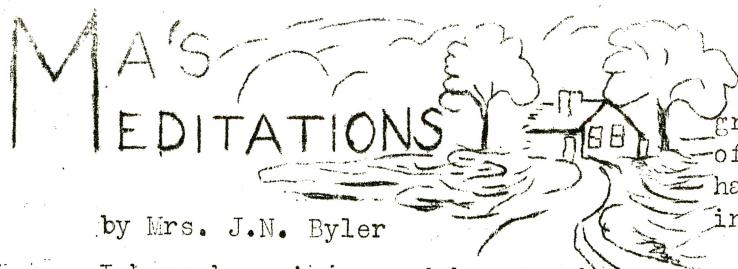
Long live the waiters!

Another fellow went home to cut corn for 3 days and took his good suit and not his work shoes.

Question, Doc Bean! Can coffee that has too much salt in it be used as gargle?

A vote of thanks is due Ora Miller for a large portion of the clear cut stencil headings adorning our last two issues. Thanks also to Strauss, a new mimeo-operator.

MA'S EDITATIONS



by Mrs. J.N. Byler

I have been impressed by a number of things during my short stay at Camp Bluffton. One of the things that has probably impressed me more than anything else has been the unusual co-operation I have received both from the rest of the camp staff as well as from the boys themselves.

For instance one day I remarked that it would be nice if the opening between the ironing room and the shop were closed. Much to my surprise the following day as I was walking through the ironing room the work was already nearly done.

There seemed to be a lack of chairs in the reception room. I suggested as much to Ivan Badertscher and by the next afternoon his eye for values had already been active with six used but well built and nicely styled chairs waiting outside the reception room ready for use.

Although the chair the 16 boys who are learning to play the piano were using may not have detracted much from their music, the new bench one of the boys made is certainly more orthodox and convenient. The two bedside tables for the dispensary are also much appreciated and will be a big help in giving careful attention to any who may be unfortunate enough to require the facilities of the infirmary.

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THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

How cheering is the Christian's hope
While toiling here below!
It buoys us up while passing through
This wilderness of woe.

It points us to a land of rest
Where saints with Christ shall reign;
Where we shall meet the Lord of earth,
And never part again,--

A land where sin can never come,
Temptations ne'er annoy;
Where happiness will ever dwell,
And that without alloy.

--Selected

What you don't know won't hurt you, but others get tired of listening to it.
"Selected"---San Dimas Rattler

PEACE LEADERS VISIT CAMP

Among the many visitors who have graced our Campus since the last printing of the Peace-Sentinel were three men who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the peace movement.

Dr. Arthur L. Swift, instructor at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and chairman of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; Mr. E. Raymond Wilson, chairman of the Friends Service Committee; and Mr. Hunt, who is connected with the Institute of International Relations, were the visitors.

These men attended the Civilian Public Service Camp Director's Conference at Winona Lake, September 1-3. Desiring to learn more about such camps, they sandwiched themselves into Mr. Hartzler's shimmying Lizzy and Model A'd into camp sometime after dark on the evening of the closing day of the Winona Conference.

After an overnight stay at the camp and a visit to the project site, they boarded the bus at Bluffton, for the F.O.R. Conference at Lakeside, Ohio.

George Vician, a draftee at the Lagros Camp, who made the acquaintance of Ivan and Delmar at the F.O.R. Meet, paid us an afternoon and evening visit, during which time we exchanged ideas on peace and camp operations.

THANK YOU, AGAIN!!

We thankfully and gratefully acknowledge the many gifts of fruit, vegetables, canned foods and cheese which are continually brought to our kitchen.

We are especially grateful to the Conservative Amish Mennonites in Ray Thomas' community who are doing extensive canning for our winter food supply.

TWO MARRIED MEN

RELEASED FROM SERVICE

Official releases from Washington, D.C. were received for Lewis Longacher and Willard Kniess. Lewis has already made his exit and Willard expects to leave today. Best wishes, fellows, and we hope events will persuade Uncle Sam to issue releases to all conscripts, shortly. On the afternoon of Lewis's departure, Ed Brookmire, a now C.O., unpacked his luggage for an indefinite stay.

ERNIE'S SPECIAL BEDTIME STORY
by Ernest Christner

A great many stories have been told at the expense of college professors who have been known to be somewhat absent-minded. One of the best I have heard in a long time was about a certain professor who when he was ready to leave home one morning was stopped by his good wife.

"It looks like rain, dear," she said, "I think you'd better take your umbrella."

After a few vain protests he finally consented. Late that afternoon a heavy thunder shower came up and thoroughly drenched everthing in sight. Shortly after the shower the professor arrived at home soaking wet.

"Why, where is your umbrella?" his wife asked with much consternation.

"I just can't remember where I left it."

"Well, think hard. Where were you when you last remember about the umbrella?"

"The last I remember about the umbrella," he finally began sheepishly, "was after the shower when I reached up to close it and it wasn't there".

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OUR CONTRIBUTION

(continued from the editorial page)

scientious objection to participation in war. To us this is the ballast of the enterprise.

But while we try to fulfil what we thus conceive to be our mission, we are appreciative of the contributions of others; for we believe that in this, if love and sincerity prevail, Paul's statement is apt, that "It is under His control that the whole system, adjusted and united by each ligament of its equipment, develops in proportion to the functioning of each particular part, and so builds itself up through love." Eph. 4:16 (Goodspeed) --RLH

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Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer the strife ceaseth. Prov. 26: 20

THE CAMP STAFF

Director-----Rev. R.L. Hartzler
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Matron-----Mrs. Guy Hershberger
Cook and Dietician--Myrtle Koib

FORESTRY
PROJECT

We have a number of skilled workers in the forestry division. Ernest Miller does whatever carpenter work that needs to be done. The head forester has had him build several cabinets and see boxes.

Atlee Miller is considered the best gardener of our group. He has charge of a crew of ten men. Some of the work he has been responsible for has been the setting out of several hundred hedge plants, the weeding of small seedling trees, and the landscaping of hedge and shrubbery beds. His crew has developed into efficient dependable gardeners. His men recently planted a long stretch of shrubbery in front of Mr. Garhart, the forestry supervisor's home. The shrubbery leads out into the back yard and shows up very nicely.

Orville Kehr has been operating a tractor, disking down soy beans. After the disk ing the boys spread compose fertilizer and charcoal over the soil. This helps conserve the moisture and is of special importance for the seedling trees which are to be planted next fall.

Screen Sand

After a few week's elapse, Christ Raber's crew of boys are again screening sand for the seed beds and incidental purposes. Last week Romain Zahm and Christ Raber broke the rakes they were using. The rest of the boys are still wondering just how hard a man has to work to break a rake.

Recently when one of the boys was asked if he liked his work on Forest duty his rather typical reply was, "Sure, I like it because my conscience will not allow me to contribute in any way to something that might eventually lead to bloodshed and destruction."

C.P.S. Camp No. 15
Bluffton, Indiana

